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1. Nine MiG-15's or U- MiG-15's landed at Cottbus airfield at 1215 hours on 9 April. VDA pilots of the rank of senior lieutenant and above were taken to the aircraft for familiarization and ground instruction on 14 or 15 April. The jets were seen aloft only twice during the reported period. Soviet airforce ground crews service the MiG-15's, the VDA crews being allowed to service the Yak aircraft only. 25X1
2. There are two pilot courses at Cottbus. Each course is divided into three groups of 12 pilots making a total of 36 in each group, or 72 in all. The first pilot's course is now in a stage of advanced flight training on Yak-11's. The performance of aerobatics is good and formation flying is also being perfected. The second course began training on Yak-18's towards the end of April and flying is still inaccurate and loose.
3. The fact that the Yak-11's land for refuelling after being airborne for 25 to 30 minutes had led to the local assumption that the aircraft carry sufficient fuel for approximately this duration. 25X1

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